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Further to the information placed before the Commission at its 42nd and earlier Sessions on the resolutions and recommendations of the 38th to 41st Sessions, replies received from the State Governments, Universities, Learned Institutions and others are summarised below. It may be noted that in many cases the concerned authorities have had to be reminded again and again.

Resolution V: The Commission heartily welcomes the recent decisions of the Government of India in respect of access to the records of the Ministries of Home and External Affairs and expresses the hope that the other Ministries of the Government of India would take similar action at an early date.

Further, the Commission resolves that the State Governments be requested to fall in line with the Union Government and frame rules on the subject in conformity with those in force in the National Archives of India.

National Archives of India: In accordance with the views expressed at the 42nd Session of the Commission, the Chairman of the Standing Committee invited the representatives of the Ministries of External Affairs, Defence, Home Affairs, Law and of the Department of Personnel(O&M), Government of India, to meet on 24 November 1973 for considering further liberalisation of rules governing access to the records of the Government of India and also removal of anamolies in the existing rules. The Commission would be informed of the decisions taken.

Gujarat: The Government of Gujarat has recently (December 1971) set up the Department of Archives. The rules regulating access to records in Archives Office are yet to be framed.

Mysore: Permanent historical records over 30 years old and non-permanent historical records over 25 years old are open for research. Copies of the printed Government orders from 1926 onwards can, however, be examined.

Orissa: The Government have revised theresearch rules. The records more than fifty years old have been thrown open for research.

> Resolution XIV: The Commission notes with regret that in most of the Universities records are ill-maintained and papers of historical value are irretrievably lost. As such it resolves that Universities be requested to entrust the care of their records to officers who have had training in archives-keeping, consult historians of standing in selecting records for permanent retention, and also maintain them on scientific lines as a separate entity.

Berhampur University: The Post-Graduate Department of History of the University desires to open an Archives Unit to collect the abundant archival materials lying scattered in some regions of Orissa.

(Please also see Standing Committee's remarks regarding Berhampur University at p.55).

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> Resolution V: The Commission recommends that the records of the President of India and the Governors of the States may be preserved in their own premises in an archival manner.

Mysore: The Mysore State Archives is till in the process of being set up. After the Department is fully constituted, the records in the Raj Bhawan of Mysore will be examined and a report thereof submitted.

Punjab: The records from 1947-72 of different series, viz. (i) Establishment, (ii) Miscellaneous, (iii) Memorials, (iv) Petitions, (v) Universities, (vi) Assembly Acts/Bills,